



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Welcome to John Keble Church

29 November 2020, 10am

Parish Eucharist, *First Sunday of Advent*

The HYMN:

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

³ Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

² Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

⁴ By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

The GREETING:

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The RITE OF PENITENCE:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all

that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The ABSOLUTION:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

The COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen*

PSALM 80: 1-7

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth ²before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.

³Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

⁴How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smoulder against the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶You have made us an object of derision to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.

⁷Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

The FIRST READING: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ²As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf,

and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. ⁸Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The HYMN:

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

³O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy fold the ancient law.

*Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

²O come thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
creating man from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way.

*Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

⁴O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

*Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

⁵O come, Desire of nations! Show
thy kingly reign on earth below;
thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The GOSPEL READING: Mark 13.24-37

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴"But in those days, following that distress, "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' ²⁶"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. ²⁸"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this

generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

The Intercessions:

Using the form: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

And ending: Merciful Father **accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The PEACE:

Presider: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The HYMN: Words by Simon Rowbory. Music: Picardy (French carol, probably 17th Century – better known as “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”)

Round the world deep darkness circled,
'til heav'n came and kissed the earth.
Light of God within a manger,
Advent in his humble birth!

*Shine in the darkness – dawn in us.
Make your advent in our hearts.*

In our world the darkness threatens,
'til he comes in judgement hour.
Light to scatter every shadow,
Advent when he comes in power.

*Shine in the darkness – dawn in us.
Make your advent in our hearts.*

In our hearts the darkness lingers:
Wait and watch throughout this night.
Christ be born within the broken,
Advent when he brings his light.

*Shine in the darkness – dawn in us.
Make your advent in our hearts.*

The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues:

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER and The BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:

Let us pray *Silence is kept* O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN:

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes ³ He comes the broken heart to bind,
the Saviour promised long! the bleeding soul to cure,
Let every heart prepare a throne, and with the treasures of his grace
and every voice a song. enrich the humble poor.

² He comes the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

⁴ Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy belovèd name.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. *All: Amen.*

THE BLESSING:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. *All: Amen.*

A Minister says THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

I have been asked by Maggi to remind everyone that the **Foodbank** is still in need of donations. As the Church is open for Private Prayer on Thursdays from 9-12, you can, if convenient, bring your donation then and you can also take the opportunity to have some quiet time. If you have a donation but cannot bring it on a Thursday morning, please contact myself (Diane Rees - 07723037393) or Maggi (02089597918) and we will organise a collection or an alternative place for dropping off.

As you know, because of Government guidance, the **Christmas Fair** will not be taking place. However, prior to realising this Maggi and others began making jams and preserves of various types. These are high quality products and we would still like to be able to sell them. So, if you would like to brighten up your breakfast with homemade preserves the following jams and chutneys are available all at £2.50 a jar. There is limited availability, so get in quick!

- Orange and lemon marmalade
- Marmalade with ginger
- Summer fruit jam
- Damson jam
- Quince and apple jelly
- Christmas chutney
- Mango chutney
- Green tomato chutney

For information on where and how to obtain yours please contact Diane Rees on 07723037393

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